



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Redcliffe and Caboolture Hospitals

 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (7.09 pm): The Leader of the Opposition today reminded us that we are 269 days away from the state election. Clearly, the LNP in the Moreton Bay area is not paying attention because there is no sense of urgency from its local people. We are still waiting to hear its plans for our community. It looks like we will be waiting a while, because the LNP has no-one on the ground. We hear that the LNP has been asking people to run against us but it keeps getting the same answer: no. When they eventually show up, we will say to them that the Palaszczuk government is in the midst of a massive, half-a-billion dollar reconstruction and refurbishment of Redcliffe and Caboolture hospitals—our local hospitals.

Redcliffe Hospital is undergoing a \$120 million refurbishment and redevelopment. There will be a new maternity ward, a special care nursery, paediatric ward and birthing suites. Some 1,700 babies will be born there this year. We are doing a new day surgery ward and sterilisation facility. There will be new cancer care and kidney dialysis facilities and an additional operating theatre.

Further north, Caboolture Hospital is undergoing a massive \$350 million expansion and redevelopment. That includes a new four-storey clinical services building that will bring new services to Caboolture Hospital. The redevelopment includes a rehabilitation unit and a palliative care unit. The expansion of the emergency department at Caboolture is really getting locals excited. The Palaszczuk government will double the size of the hospital's emergency department. There will be new treatment spaces, refurbishment of the waiting room, new assessment rooms, a dedicated mental health assessment area and a dedicated paediatric assessment area.

In relation to car parking, the Palaszczuk government has delivered incredible benefits to our local hospitals. Some 1,640 new spaces will be provided at Caboolture. That is a net increase of 500 spaces.

**Mr Hart** interjected.

**Mrs Wilson** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Order! Member for Burleigh. Member for Pumicestone.

**Mr WHITING:** Construction at Redcliffe started in August—

**Mr Hart** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Member for Burleigh, I have just asked you to come to order. Come to order.

**Mr WHITING:** There will be 603 spaces at Redcliffe. It is more than just bricks and mortar; we can point to what we have achieved across the state. We have put on 6,000 new nurses, 2,000 new doctors—

**Mr Hart** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Burleigh, stop waving that around like a prop. Come to order or I will warn you.

**Mr WHITING:** There are 500 ambulance officers as well. How can we fund this? We provide great economic management. Those opposite do not like to hear that. We are on track to deliver five budget surpluses—

**Mr Hart** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Member for Burleigh, you are warned.

**Mr WHITING:** Our debt is lower than when the LNP left government. We have a \$49 billion infrastructure pipeline that is keeping the economy going.